

Sick leave for school employees  
(HB 1041 by C. Evans/Uribe)

DIGEST: HB 1041 would have expanded the state minimum sick leave program for teachers to cover all regular employees of a school district. It would have repealed the sections of the Education Code that require the Texas Education Agency to reimburse school districts a percentage of all the sick leave taken by teachers and professionals in the district. The bill also would have repealed the section of the law that allows a school district to pay the accumulated sick leave of non-professional employees when they quit.

GOVERNOR'S  
REASON  
FOR VETO:

The governor said current law requires school districts to allow teachers five days sick leave per year, with unlimited accumulation. HB 1041 would have extended this requirement to all school district employees. "School districts should be allowed to fund employee sick leave programs on a local option basis, as many currently do. The State should not mandate this additional requirement for local school districts," said the governor.

AUTHOR'S  
VIEW:

Rep. Charles Evans said, "God bless him, under the Constitution he has the right to do it. I'll come back next session and pass it again. Mark White vetoed a bunch of my bills and the governor has vetoed my bills. God bless them, they've got the constitutional right to do it. But I've got the constitutional right to come back next session and pass them again."

NOTES:

The House Research Organization analysis of HB 1041 appeared in the May 8, 1987 Daily Floor Report.